

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday  
September 19, 2001  
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland**

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**Members Present**

John Cohoon  
Veronica Casados  
Bob Schreck  
Bob Wine  
Doratheia Sloan  
Rosalie Bradley

**Members Absent**

Linda Matney  
Wintilio Ortiz  
John Van Walleghen  
Bickley Foster /excused  
David Pendergraft/excused

**Guests**

Listed at end

**Council Member Fearey** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests. DAB members were then asked to introduce him or herself and the area they represented. **Fearey** then explained the process of how the DAB was selected.

**Council Member Fearey** asked to approve modifies or amends to the agenda presented. Agenda was approved as submitted. **(Sloan/Schreck 6-0)**

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. All items will be allowed five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action. Printed materials are encouraged.

*No Items were submitted*

**BOARD AGENDA**

1. **Tour of Neighborhood City Hall**

A brief tour of the new Neighborhood City Hall was given to allow citizens a preview of new and exciting programs that will be coming soon.

2. **Staff Presentations from City Departments**

Presentations were given in brief from each department:

Environmental Health: Discussed their new mission statement.

Office of Central Inspection: Brief overview of the department.

Police: Follow-up from the July 18<sup>th</sup> DAB meeting questions and a schedule of current duties of Community Police Officers was distributed.

Public Works: Brief overview of department functions.

Parks: Brief overview of department and programs that are offered at the recreation centers.

Water Department: Overview of water production. Also, the sewer department and how it processes waste. Brief discussion of future water plans.

Action taken: Receive and File

3. **Questions or comments from public pertaining to District issues, responses in italics**

- ◆ *Lola Howard, North Riverbend Neighborhood Association, says Schell Park has had some improvement with the addition of trees, picnic tables and the youth soccer field, but what else will be done? The neighborhood association saw a design of the proposed park and we would like to see more done. All the City money seems to be going towards Riverside. This information would be given to the Park Director and a response would be available for the next DAB meeting. Council Member Fearey mentioned the City's Grant Matching funds for park equipment in case the neighborhood wanted to do that and also when Council looks again at the budget maintenance for parks would be reviewed.*
- ◆ *Mr. Menges, 1137 N. Mosley, has complained for several years about a salvage yard in this area doing illegal business and is an environmental nightmare. Also possible groundwater contamination. Police, OCI and Health Departments have been meeting regularly to work on this problem. This business has been fined numerous times, owner pays fine and continues to do the same. The zoning possibly needs to be changed. The departments are doing everything they can do and feel they are making progress even if it is slow.*
- ◆ *Kathy Dittmer, Riverside Citizens Association, stated 1) OCI and Health Inspectors are overloaded with work. With the growth of the City of Wichita, staff needs to be increased. 2) With the new Riverside Park plan, Ms. Dittmer is concerned about maintenance funds for the parks. 3) Thanks David Warren, Water Department for wanting to meet with the neighborhood association to resolve a problem in the neighborhood and asks from the Water and Public Works Departments to please notify neighbors of any projects in a timely manner and the time frame for the project. 4) Thank You Deputy Chief Cole for your efforts with Community Police and their new focus and retraining.*
- ◆ *13<sup>th</sup> and Bitting, right on the Little River. Can the City require hook up to sewer system? Went to the trailer park today. Walked the property, around all the trailers, and along the City property between the trailer park and river. Then met with owner who walked property and showed me lay out of main and trunk lines, as well as man holes and connections. Sanitary sewer services the entire park. There are currently eight trailers and a vacant house on property. According to owner, four trailers are occupied. Owner very cooperative. I confirmed connection to sewer. Went with owner to each trailer and looked at hook ups. Larry (owner) says as trailers are vacated, he is working on removing them. He claims to have gotten rid of seven over the last year. There does not*

*appear to be any WQ issues there, nor anything that might possibly impact the river. A case on the house, 2 accessory buildings and 8 mobile homes. Notices of improvements on all but one of the mobile homes. A 30 day notice of violation on it, because it is vacant and in bad condition.*

- ◆ The violations of leaf and grass into the gutter and lawn service that blow grass into streets is the cause of our river pollution. What happens if we turn in the lawn services? *This is very hard to catch someone actually doing this. They could be fined and have jail time.*
- ◆ Trash trucks are very large and different companies throughout the neighborhood. Why are the trucks allowed onto neighborhood streets? *Possible if neighbors pooled together to negotiate with one hauler. The City of Wichita has restriction to size of trucks on residential streets.*
- ◆ What is the average time to remove junk vehicles? *1 to 1 1/2 month sometimes-longer if the case goes to court.*
- ◆ What efforts to control the algae system and what plans for expanding the filter plant. *No plans to expand the existing filter plant. There is a future plan for a water treatment plant. Also, the algae are an on-going process to improve. Continuous minimizing of nutrients going into Cheney Lake from farmers.*
- ◆ What is the City doing with the Northwest Bypass? *State of Kansas has a consultant working on this project but no idea on completion.*

Recommended action: DAB will review questions from public that may need follow-up.

**Member Schreck** thanked all City Staff for being present and was pleased with all the new information he had learned.

**Council Member Fearey** also thanked all City Staff for giving very informative presentations

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. ***Evergreen Neighborhood Center Grand Opening*** on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. ***Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be at 2:00 p.m.*** DAB Members are asked to please attend.
- B. October 1<sup>st</sup> DAB meeting will include: Housing Programs, River Park Improvement Project, 21st and Arkansas intersection and W/SC Comprehensive Plan and *Conditional Use* case.
- C. Day Reporting Center will be heard at City Council on Tuesday.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal  
District VI Neighborhood Assistant

**GUESTS:**

Shawn Henderslot  
Merl & Bonnie Hollis  
Officer John Ryan  
Wendell Turner  
David McGuire  
Lola Howard  
Kathy Dittmer  
Vivian Wasser  
Marjorie Mallisee  
C.Dean Presnall  
Berle & Maurine Willis  
Larry Wague  
Jerry Prichard  
Officer Jacobs Hummell  
Officer Schultz  
Larry Menges  
Capt. Paul Dotson  
Elizabeth Bishop  
Nile Dillmore  
Janet Miller  
Jack Brown  
Liz Owens  
Kurt Schroeder  
DC. Cole  
Gail Williams  
Steve Lackey

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1585 N. Athenian  
2211 Bella Vista 67203  
3834 Woodrow 67204  
2340 McLean 67204  
1607 N. Clarence, 67203  
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